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I KNOW THAT MY RETIREMENT WILL MAKE NO DIFFERENCE IN ITS CARDINAL PRINCIPLES. THAT IT WILL ALWAYS FIGHT FOR PROGRESS AND REFORM, NEVER TOLERATE INJUSTICE OR CORRUPTION, ALWAYS FIGHT DEMAGOGUES OF ALL PARTIES, NEVER BELONG TO ANY PARTY, ALWAYS OPPOSE PRIVILEGED CLASSES AND PUBLIC PLUNDERERS, NEVER LACK SYMPATHY WITH THE POOR, ALWAYS REMAIN DEVOTED TO THE PUBLIC WELFARE, NEVER BE SATISFIED WITH MERELY PRINTING NEWS, ALWAYS BE ELASTICALLY INDEPENDENT, NEVER BE AFRAID TO ATTACK WRONG, WHETHER BY PREDATORY PLUTOCRACY OR PREDATORY POVERTY.

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Letters from the People

Go Easy in Guiana

It is easy to say that the Evans-Novak article in the Post-Dispatch was written by Peter D'Aguiar, the distiller-brewer-politician of British Guiana. I probably would be mistaken. Yet there must be some explanation for the unusualness of this article which criticizes the Kennedy Administration's handling of the situation in British Guiana.

The statement that the United States intends to "give a dime" to the opposition parties would be laughable in another newspaper. It is absurd in the Post-Dispatch.

The United States, through the CIA, has played a considerable role in Guiana affairs. Most recently, as the Post-Dispatch reported, we helped finance the prolonged and violent anti-Jagan strikes there.

Even the Georgetown elite (and Senator Dodd of Connecticut) Novak and Evans go on to propagandize for the installation of a government composed of D'Aguiar's group—the unconstitutional, undemocratic mob.

This will not solve the national problem of British Guiana, nor will it lead to peace between the racial groupings in that unfortunate country. But we would surely gain another Diem, in the person of Peter D'Aguiar. He is "pro-American" in the same way as Diem—to the extent he can make us do his dirty work.

Senator Dodd might be pleased with the prospect of a civil war—fought by United States troops—in Latin America. But the State Department's caution in this matter is both understandable and worthy of praise.

President Kennedy would do well to heed the recent advice of Britain's Harold Wilson, and ask the CIA to go easy in British Guiana.

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